



**CITY OF AZUSA  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Azusa met in regular session at the above date and time in the Azusa Auditorium located at 213 E. Foothill Boulevard, Azusa, CA 91702.

Mayor Rocha called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken by City Clerk Cornejo. Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo was absent

**PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:** GONZALES, ALVAREZ, MACIAS, ROCHA

**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:** CARRILLO

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Elected Officials:** City Clerk Cornejo.

**Staff Members:** City Manager Butzlaff, City Attorney Martinez, Management Analyst Lacasella, Neighborhood Services Coordinator Quiroz, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

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2 Potential Cases

The City Council reconvened at 7:30 P.M.;

**REGULAR SESSION**

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**ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken by City Clerk Cornejo.

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**ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:** MACIAS

**ALSO PRESENT**

**Elected Officials:** City Clerk Cornejo

**Staff Members:** Acting Chief of Police Hunt, City Attorney Martinez, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Ayala, Director of Economic and Community Development Christiansen, Finance Director Johnson, Management Analyst Lacasella, Neighborhood Services Coordinator Quiroz, Police Corporal Landros, Assistant Director Resource Management Lehr, Chief Deputy City Clerk Garcia.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Hunt  
The invocation was given by Adrian Greer

## **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

The City Council reconvened at 7:40 P.M. City Attorney announced the following regarding Closed Session.

City Attorney, reported on the following:

Item 1, No reportable action

Item 2, No reportable action

Item 3, No reportable action

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Hector Elizalde, spoke on behalf of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano's Office. He announced that they will be having a Military Academy Day on Saturday, October 29, 2016, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the West Covina Senior Center, 2501 E. Cortez Street, West Covina. The following representatives will be in attendance: Air Force, US Naval Academy, Merchant Marines and the Coast Guard. They will be there to share their experiences and academic programs. He congratulated Mr. Rosales, on his recognition of Veteran of the Year.

Earl Knudson, Real Estate Broker, spoke regarding the Dhammakaya Meditation Center. He is requesting for modifications to the meditation center to be accepted. In reference to the Relic, he stated that it was donated by Lompoc De Pacio, an Abbot of the Dhammakaya.

Jaime Martinez, spoke and said that he is looking for Justice and is fighting for his brother to come back to the United States.

Thomas D. Allison, thanked Acting Chief of Police, Steve Hunt for participating in the Truth and Reconciliation program held on September 20, 2016, at the nonprofit organization, Social Justice Advocacy Project. He helped citizens speak directly to police officers on social issues in the community. The following Police Agencies participated in the program City of Azusa, Claremont, Covina, Glendora, La Verne, West Covina, Los Angeles County Sheriff and Pomona. His next step is asking Elected Officials to participate an event called City Limits on November 3, 2016 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at La Fedra Auditorium at the University of La Verne.

Carolyn Crawford, President of the Azusa Rotary Club, promoted their program, Field of Glory at the Azusa City Hall lawn. She announced the Rotary's website: [www.fieldofglory.org](http://www.fieldofglory.org) She stated that the opening ceremony will be on November 5, 2016 at 10 a.m. They are asking for the public to become sponsors and participate.

Lilian De Loza-Gutierrez, Representing Los Angeles County Metro- spoke regarding Measure M. She made reference to Measure R, Regarding Improvements in San Gabriel Valley.

Gregory Ahern Sr. he praised the City of Azusa for their professionalism and good workmanship. He would like to recognize Marc Gonzales for his good workmanship, courtesy and the pleasant attitude, and would like everyone to keep him in their prayers during his illness. He would also like to recognize the council for a job well done in representing the city.

City Manager Butzlaff, responded with adding the date for Military Academy Day to be posted on the city website and cable channel, he thanked Mr. Ahern for complementing the city for its work and all it does for the city, and stated that Marc Gonzales is on his way to a speedy recovery. He addressed how the city cares for their community and the pride it has for its city and citizens.

Mayor Pro-Tem, Carrillo-thanked all who had sent condolence cards for the passing of his father.

Councilmember Gonzales-thanked Mr. Ahern for the concern on his brother Marc Gonzales. He thanked the Golden Days Committee for their work during Golden Days week. He asked the community to be careful for all the children trick or treating during Halloween. He announced Salute through Song Veterans Concert will be at the Armory on Saturday, November 12, 2016.

Councilmember Alvarez- thanked the Golden Days Committee on their success with Golden Days Week. He mentioned Measure M on the upcoming election. He commented that Foothill Transit has changed their busses to electric busses. They will be adding 13 new electric busses to their route in 2017, and 20 more in 2019. He advised everyone that bus line 196 which stops here in Azusa and will take residents directly to the Los Angeles County Fair and they will continue to do that next year.

Mayor Rocha- thanked the Golden Days Committee. He thanked Mr. Ahern for his kind words to the council and staff. He announced on November 5<sup>th</sup> the Field of Glory Event at 11a.m. and closing on Veterans Day at 10:a.m. He announced October 23, 2016 the acknowledgment of a banner for David Alfaro on the east side of the utility department, it will be covered until his unveiling when he comes home. He also announced on Friday October 21, 2016 the varsity football game between Azusa High School and Gladstone High School.

## **REPORTS, UPDATES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF/COUNCIL**

### **SCHEDULED ITEMS**

Resolution No. 2016-C65, was adopted and entitled.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE DHAMMAKAYA INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH 2014121060) AND AN AMENDMENT TO THE DHAMMAKAYA INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 865 EAST MONROVIA PLACE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No. 2016-C66, was adopted and entitled.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA APPROVING DESIGN REVIEW NO. DR-2016-12 TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 81,398-SQUARE-FOOT MEDITATION HALL, EIGHT ONE- AND TWO-STORY ORGANIZATIONAL HOUSING BUILDINGS, A 742-SQUARE-FOOT STORAGE/WORSHOP BUILDING, AND ON-SITE AUXILIARY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE DHAMMAKAYA INTERNATIONAL MEDITATION CENTER LOCATED AT 865 EAST MONROVIA PLACE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA**

Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and carried unanimous vote of the council,

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS: MACIAS

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Raquel Rodriguez, she expressed how beneficial it has been for her to use the meditation center, it has given her a sense of relief.

Lorena Acosta, she expressed how beneficial the Dhammakaya Center has been for her, she has attended for 2 years, and it has been very successful as a stress relief and feels it would benefit the community.

Jon Chabot, he expressed how Dhammakaya Center has been beneficial to him and the community.

Introduced for first reading, by title only, Ordinance No. 2016-O8 accepted revised ordinance and set public hearing for November 21, 2016.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE AZUSA MUNICIPAL CODE, BY AMENDING ARTICLE VI.5 AND SECTIONS, 14-1, 14-51, 14-53, 14-55, 14-57, 14-62, 14-201; AND 14-466; AND DELETING 14-202, 14-203 AND 14-69; AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2016 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24), INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE VOLUMES 1 & 2 (2016 EDITION, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE); THE CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE INCLUDING CHAPTER 1 (2016 EDITION, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE); THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (2016 EDITION); THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE INCLUDING CHAPTER 1 (2016 EDITION, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2015 UNIFORM MECHANICAL CODE); THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE INCLUDING CHAPTER 1 (2016 EDITION, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2015 UNIFORM PLUMBING CODE); THE CALIFORNIA ELECTRICAL CODE INCLUDING ARTICLE 89 (2016 EDITION, INCORPORATING AND AMENDING THE 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE); THE CALIFORNIA EXISTING BUILDING CODE (2016 EDITION), TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS, DELETIONS AND CHANGES THERETO; AND ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2015 UNIFORM SWIMMING POOL SPA AND HOT TUB CODE.**

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Carrillo, seconded by Councilmember Gonzales and carried unanimous vote of the council,

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS: MACIAS

Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2016-O9 was adopted and entitled.

**AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, ENACTED PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65858 ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA USES PENDING THE ENACTMENT OF AN UPDATE TO THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE**

Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez and carried unanimous vote of the council,

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS: MACIAS

Provide Direction with Regard to Los Angeles County's request to consolidate/conduct the upcoming City of Azusa Municipal Election scheduled for March 7, 2017.

City Manager Butzlaff, introduced Best, Best, and Krieger Attorney Priest, he addressed the council on a proposed option from Los Angeles County Registrar Recorders office regarding a consolidation election or a standalone election. There was discussion between councilmembers and attorney on their options. The council decided to opt to file two resolutions for the following meeting of November 7, 2016.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez, to approve Consent Calendar Items E-1 to E-8, and carried by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS: MACIAS

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2016 were approved as written.
2. Resolution No. 2016-C67 was adopted and entitled

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID.**

3. Special Call
4. Accepted a grant award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.
5. Professional Services Agreement with ECS Imaging for Laserfiche Document Management System, was moved to the meeting of November 7, 2016.
6. The City Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2016 was received, reviewed and filed
7. Special Call
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2016-C72

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA DECLARING SPECIFIC POLICE DEPARTMENT FIREARMS AS SURPLUS**

**SPECIAL CALL**

3. The Human Resources Action Items in accordance with the City of Azusa Civil Service Rules and Applicable Memorandum of Understanding(s). were approved as follows:

New Appointment: H. Nsaidzeka, J. Rivas

Merit Increase: G. Antunez, R. Chivas, R. Hayden, S. Flemming, A. Avalos

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
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City Manager Butzlaff, stated there was a correction on the Item in reference to New Hire, the previous selected employee decided to take another position elsewhere. Therefore, they went with the next selected name J. Rivas and adjusted the income according to his qualifications.

7. The following Resolutions appointing the Commissioners to the various Commissions were adopted and entitled. Moved by Councilmember Gonzales, seconded by Councilmember Alvarez, to approve and carried by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, ALVAREZ, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
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Councilmember Gonzales addressed he would like the new appointed and re-appointed to have the code of ethics, and code of decorum available for all commissioners and board members.

Resolutions: No. 2016-C68

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA RE-APPOINTING MARIA PACINO AND JAMES SINNEMA TO THE LIBRARY COMMISSION**

Resolutions: No. 2016-C69

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA RE-APPOINTING ROSSANA HELBERT AND APPOINTING MITCHELL LOERA TO THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION.**

Adopted Resolutions: No. 2016-C70

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA  
RE-APPOINTING MERCEDES CASTRO TO THE PERSONNEL BOARD**

Adopted Resolutions: No. 2016-C71

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA RE-APPOINTING JACK LEE  
TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned.

**TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 9:18 P.M.**



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**CITY CLERK**

**NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 2016-C73**

**NEXT ORDINANCE NO. 2016-O10**

**NEST RESOLUTION NO. 2016-R15**